

REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled claims 2-6, 7-8, 10-15, 17-18, 20, 24, 28-32, and 34 without prejudice to future prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled subject matter in this application or any other appropriate application. The cancellation of claims 2-6, 7-8, 10-15, 17-18, 20, 24, 28-32, and 34 is not an indication of the patentability of those claims and should not be so construed. Additionally, these claims were not cancelled to avoid any prior art under 35 U.S.C. §103.

No fees are believed due in connection with this submission; however, if any fees are due please charge or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1273.

Respectfully submitted,

BROBECK, PHLEGER & HARRISON LLP

Dated: 27 Jul 2000

By: Wesley B. Ames  
Wesley B. Ames  
Reg. No. 40,893

WBA:jxb

**BROBECK, PHLEGER & HARRISON LLP**  
12390 El Camino Real  
San Diego, CA 92130-2081  
Telephone: (858) 720-2500  
Facsimile: (858) 720-2555